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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Hall to Colby Letter re COINS "Forces" File

1. Attachment 1 is Dr. Hall's letter to Mr. Colby, dated 21 September 1973, in which Hall requests that the CIA "Forces" file be placed on COINS. This file was designed to support DDI/OSR for MBFR analysis. It consists mainly of information on ground force installations in Eastern Europe.

2. There is no problem here. The CIA representative in the Files Working Group has advised that the file could be put into COINS with a modest programming effort by CIA. The Working Group had previously determined that there was a requirement in other agencies for using this file through COINS.

3. Attachment 1 was written for cosmetic reasons. and I agree that it is desirable to create a record of forward movement re the COINS files, and in a clear cut case, such as this one, we thought this could be demonstrated by not waiting to take action until the COINS Files Working Group makes its overall report. This is a modest opportunity to demonstrate to PFIAB and to agency heads that Dr. Hall and Mr. Colby are giving personal attention to COINS. And, there appear to be no significant political or cost reasons for not taking action.

4. Attachment 2 is the memorandum from Dr. Hall to Admiral de Poix referred to in paragraph 3 of Hall's letter to the DCI. This was written, also, for the reasons stated in the preceding paragraph.

DCI Member
COINS Files Working Group

Atts (2)

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